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## Schedule for the Day

- 8:30 Registration, visit exhibits, silent auction
- 9:15 Welcome – Dr. Jack Rudolph
- 9:30 Role and Importance of Alfalfa in WKU Teaching/Research/ Farming Programs  
– *Dr. Elmer Gray*
- 10:00 Alfalfa baleage/silage preservatives: Do they work? Are they Economical? –  
*Dr. Ray Smith*
- 10:30 Break, visit exhibits, silent auction
- 11:00 Alfalfa – Australia – Kentucky –  
*Dr. Garry Lacefield, Dr. Ray Smith, and Ms. Traci Missun*
- 11:15 Alfalfa for Summer Grazing –  
*Dr. Roy Burris*
- 11:30 Why aren't big square balers used more in Kentucky? –  
*Mr. Tom Keene*
- 11:45 Advances in Alfalfa Promotion – *Mr. Bill Talley*
- 12:00 Lunch, visit exhibits, silent auction
- 1:00 Alfalfa Awards and Silent Auction Results
- 1:30 Adjustments and Maintenance of Haying Equipment  
Mr. Clayton Gerald  
Mr. John McCoy  
Mr. Cris Scudder
- 2:45 Discussion
- 3:00 Adjourn



# **F O R E W O R D**

This conference marks the thirty-fourth consecutive year we have come together to address problems and potentials of alfalfa. We are certainly encouraged with the interest in and opportunities for alfalfa in Kentucky. We are optimistic that we will observe expansion in acres, yield, and markets. It is our hope that the information presented herein and the discussions of the day will be of value to each of you in your alfalfa program.

On behalf of the Program Committee, I would like to express our thanks to each of you for your faithful participation over the past thirty-three years. I also want to thank all speakers, moderators, committee members, and workers for their many contributions.

My personal thanks to the Program Committee, Kentucky Forage and Grassland Council, Western Kentucky University faculty and staff and Kentucky Department of Agriculture for their encouragement and assistance. I also want to thank all the exhibitors for their important contributions and financial support. A special thanks is extended to Mrs. Christi Forsythe for her assistance in preparing and editing the program and proceedings.

Garry Lacefield  
Program Chairman  
XXXIV Annual Kentucky Alfalfa Conference

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## KENTUCKY ALFALFA AWARDS

The Kentucky Alfalfa Awards Program was initiated in 2000 at the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Kentucky Alfalfa Conference. The Awards Program is funded annually from revenues generated each year for the Silent Auction during the Annual Conference.

<b>Year</b>	<b>Warren Thompson Industry Award</b>	<b>Charlie Schnitzler Producer Award</b>	<b>Garry D. Lacefield Public Service Award</b>
2014	Don Eckhoff	Christopher Geraldts	Elmer Gray
2013	Sam Stratton	Tony Chapman	Dennis Hancock
2012	Mark McCaslin	Don Moore	Gene Olson
2011	Bill Bracy	Todd Clark	Dan Undersander
2010	Jeff Medlin	Charles Powell	Don Ball Joe Bouton
2009	Ken Carpenter	John McCoy	Ray Smith
2008	Mike Phillips	Clayton Geraldts	John Baylor
2007	Bret Winsett	Bill Payne	Dan Grigson
2006	Scott Cooper	George Eckler	Laurie Lawrence
2005	Barney Booher	Roy Reichenbach	Ken Johnson
2004	Gary Coughlin	Minos Cox	Mike Collins
2003	Phil Howell	Lee Robey	Monroe Rasnake Jimmy Henning
2002	Tom Keene	John Nowak	Billy Ray Smith
2001	Bill Talley	Larry Jeffries	Timothy H. Taylor W. C. Templeton, Jr.
2000	Warren Thompson	Sue Schnitzler*	Garry Lacefield

\*Accepted on behalf of her father who was tragically killed in a farming accident on March 11, 1991.



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